

# APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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European Patent Application No. Nr. 02 405 853.9 filed on 02. October 2002

Title: "Verbindungsvorrichtung, Abdeckvorrichtung und Trennelement"

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